

IN THE CLAIMS

Please withdraw claims 1-11 as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) A wire-stranded hollow coil body, comprising: a multitude of coil line elements stranded along a predetermined circular line to form a flexible linear tube having a central axial hollow portion, whereby said flexible linear tube is stranded under a strand-turn resistant load and heat treated to remove a residual stress upon formation so as to provide a high rotation-following capability and a high straightness.
2. (Withdrawn) A wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1, wherein said flexible linear tube is lengthwisely divided into pluralistic sections, each of which has a different number of strand turns.
3. (Withdrawn) A wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1, wherein said flexible linear tube is lengthwisely divided into pluralistic sections, each of which has residual stresses removed in different degrees.
4. (Withdrawn) A wire-stranded hollow coil body according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein an outer surface of said flexible linear tube is ground in concentric relationship with said predetermined circular line.

5. (Withdrawn) A wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1, wherein an outer surface of said flexible linear tube is ground by an electrolytic polishing in concentric relationship with said predetermined circular line.
6. (Withdrawn) A wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1, wherein said coil line elements are austenitic stainless steel.
7. (Withdrawn) A medical endoscope having a cloak tube, including said wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1.
8. (Withdrawn) A medical endoscope treating tool having a coil sheath, including said wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1.
9. (Withdrawn) A medical endoscope treating tool having a manipulating sheath portion, including said wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1.
10. (Withdrawn) A medical guide wire having a main wire body, including said wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1.
11. (Withdrawn) A pressure sensor type medical guide wire having a main wire component, including said wire-stranded hollow coil body according to claim 1.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of making a wire-stranded hollow coil body comprising a multitude of coil line elements stranded along a predetermined circular line to form a flexible linear metallic tube having a central axial hollow portion, the method comprising steps of:

clamping one end of a primary forming flexible linear metallic tube by means of a rotationally active chuck, and arranging the other end of said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube to be slidable in its lengthwise direction, and clamping said other end by a fixture chuck to impart a tensile force with said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube; and

actuating said rotationally active chuck to strand said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube, and concurrently or thereafter heat treating said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube to remove a residual stress upon forming said coil line elements by electrically conducting between said rotationally active chuck, and thereafter withdrawing an elongated core from said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube to provide an axial hollow portion in which said elongated core is placed.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of making a wire-stranded hollow coil body comprising a multitude of coil line elements stranded along a predetermined circular line to form a flexible linear metallic tube having a central axial hollow portion, the method comprising steps of:

clamping one end of a primary forming flexible linear metallic tube by means of a rotationally active chuck, and clamping mid-portions of said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube by means of mid-clamps, and stranding said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube in different strand turns depending on spans between said rotationally active chuck and each of said mid-clamps, and thereafter withdrawing an elongated core from said primary

forming flexible linear metallic tube to provide an axial hollow portion in which said elongated core is placed.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of making a wire-stranded hollow coil body comprising a multitude of coil line elements stranded along a predetermined circular line to form a flexible linear metallic tube having a central axial hollow portion, the method comprising steps of:

concurrently or after stranding a primary forming flexible linear metallic tube, accommodating lengthwisely divided sections of the primary forming flexible linear metallic tube into heating devices, each of which has a different heating condition depending on said lengthwisely divided sections, so as to heat treat said pluralistically divided sections individually to have residual stresses removed in different degrees, and thereafter withdrawing an elongated core from said primary forming flexible linear metallic tube to provide an axial hollow portion in which said elongated core is placed.